



Minutes

Bicycle & Trails Advisory Committee

REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 24, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Clark called the meeting to order at 6:15pm

PRESENT: Rome, McCann, Hauge, Cheu, Clark and
Parks and Recreation Commissioner Katharine Hardt-Mason

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Public Works Senior Engineer Julie Behzad
Public Works Director Jim Ashcraft

DECLARATION - POSTING OF AGENDA: Ms. Behzad certified that this meeting's agenda was duly noticed and posted in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Clark opened the meeting to public comments. There was one speaker card filled out by Ariadne Scott. Ms. Scott was invited to address the committee. She talked about safety and handed out a copy of an article from the Santa Cruz Sentinel, which talked about "problem cyclists create bad image for generally responsible group". She also talked about her meeting with the Mayor and Member Hauge. She mentioned that since the City is applying to be designated as a bicycle friendly community we need to pay more attention to the safety issue. She went over some classes and events being offered by Specialized Bike. She also mentioned that there are a number of volunteers who can assist during the City's Trails Master Plan implementation.

MINUTES: The minutes for the July 27, 2006 meeting were approved with the correction of changing "vice Chair Clark called ..." to "Chair Clark called ...".

ORAL REPORTS:

*** Trails Master Plan Grant Status**

Ms. Behzad reported that the first draft copy was submitted to City staff for their review for completeness. Staff reviewed the report and returned it with some comments. Chair Clark asked if the process should have been to have the steering committee review the draft report prior to the staff

review. Ms. Behzad explained that staff reviewed the report for correctness and completeness. She also mentioned that the report will be forwarded to the steering committee for their review by Mr. Gittleson when he receives the revised version. There will also be community meetings to get input from the public prior to completing the final Trails Master Plan.

*** Portable Bike Racks**

Ms. Behzad reported that the City received the portable bike racks. They are stored in the Public Works Building and are ready to be picked up for any future events.

2. Countywide Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee Update (BPAC)

Member Rome attended the first BPAC meeting. She mentioned that she was welcomed by the committee and she invited all the members to attend Taste of Morgan Hill. There was no other report.

3. Parks and Recreation Representative

Ms. Hardt Mason reported that PRC saw the same presentation being presented at BTAC for Little Llagas Creek and approved the concept. She also mentioned that PRC would express that PRC would want to be more involved with the planning process of the proposed projects within the city of Morgan Hill.

BUSINESS

1. Wildlife Sculpture Trail

Council Member Grzan and Ms. Evelyn Davis presented the item. Mr. Grzan introduced the idea of having the potential for Llagas Creek Linear Park through the City of Morgan Hill. He also mentioned that it would be an ideal route and an alternative form of transportation to the CRC which includes Youth, Senior recreation centers. He then continued that Ms. Davis will be donating a bobcat sculpture which will be located along this trail close to the CRC. He talked about how other agencies within this area came up with creative ways to fund installation and maintenance of this type of public art project. He added that there are many open space areas in Morgan Hill which could be preserved. Member McCann mentioned that apparently there is an on-going issue with right-of-way acquisition within this reach of West Little Llagas Creek. Ms. Davis then presented a power point presentation to illustrate the project. Member McCann made a motion that BTAC support and endorse the concept. All the members agreed and voted yes.

2. Bicycle Friendly Community Application

Member Hauge reported that the application was completed and submitted. He also mentioned that he had a meeting with Mayor Kennedy regarding the application. Mayor Kennedy supported the effort and stated that he would be showing his support for the application by writing the letter to the League. BTAC will hear back regarding their decisions in September.

3. Bike Parking at Various Community Events

Member Clark attended the last meeting for the Taste of Morgan Hill. The bike parking location will

be located on 5th Street just east of the driveway to the CCC. BTAC members will coordinate with volunteers to set up the schedule.

4. Fundraising/Licensing/Raffle

Chair Clark mentioned that we have two bikes to raffle at the two upcoming events, Taste of Morgan Hill and Grand Opening at CRC. The proceeds will be used to fund BTAC projects. Member Cheu will also try to sell the raffle tickets at his shops at \$1/ea prior to these events. Chair Clark will provide the tickets.

Mr. Ashcraft addressed the licensing issue when the question was raised by Chair Clark. Mr. Ashcraft stated that he had a conversation with the Police Department Chief regarding licensing. He mentioned that the Police Department proposed that BTAC members can promote licensing the bikes and the committee would receive 50% of the revenue. Mr. Ashcraft was asked the advantages of licensing and whether the Police Department will pursue the effort. Licensing a bike enables the Police Department to locate the owner when they recover a bike. He also mentioned that he would check with the Police Chief to have a member of the Police Department to attend a future BTAC meeting.

5. BTAC Work Plan

Ms. Behzad reported that upon reviewing the BTAC work plan for 06/07, she noted that BTAC is on schedule meeting their goals for FY06/07. She also mentioned that staff is preparing an orientation manual for new BTAC members.

6. Countywide Bicycle Plan Update

Ms. Behzad was asked if she would provide the members with color copies of the map so they can review and return the comments back to VTA. Ms. Behzad will provide the color maps via mail.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

(This is the opportunity for any committee member to have an item placed on a future agenda.)

- Status of Trails Master Plan
- Bikeways Master Plan Quarterly Report at September, 2006 meeting
- Invite Police Department Chief/Representative to a future meeting
- Fundraising / Licensing
- Invite Bikeways Master Plan Consultant to future BTAC meeting
- Compile a list of all the intersections that do not have bike detection loops

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next meeting will be held on September 28, 2006 at 6:15 pm.